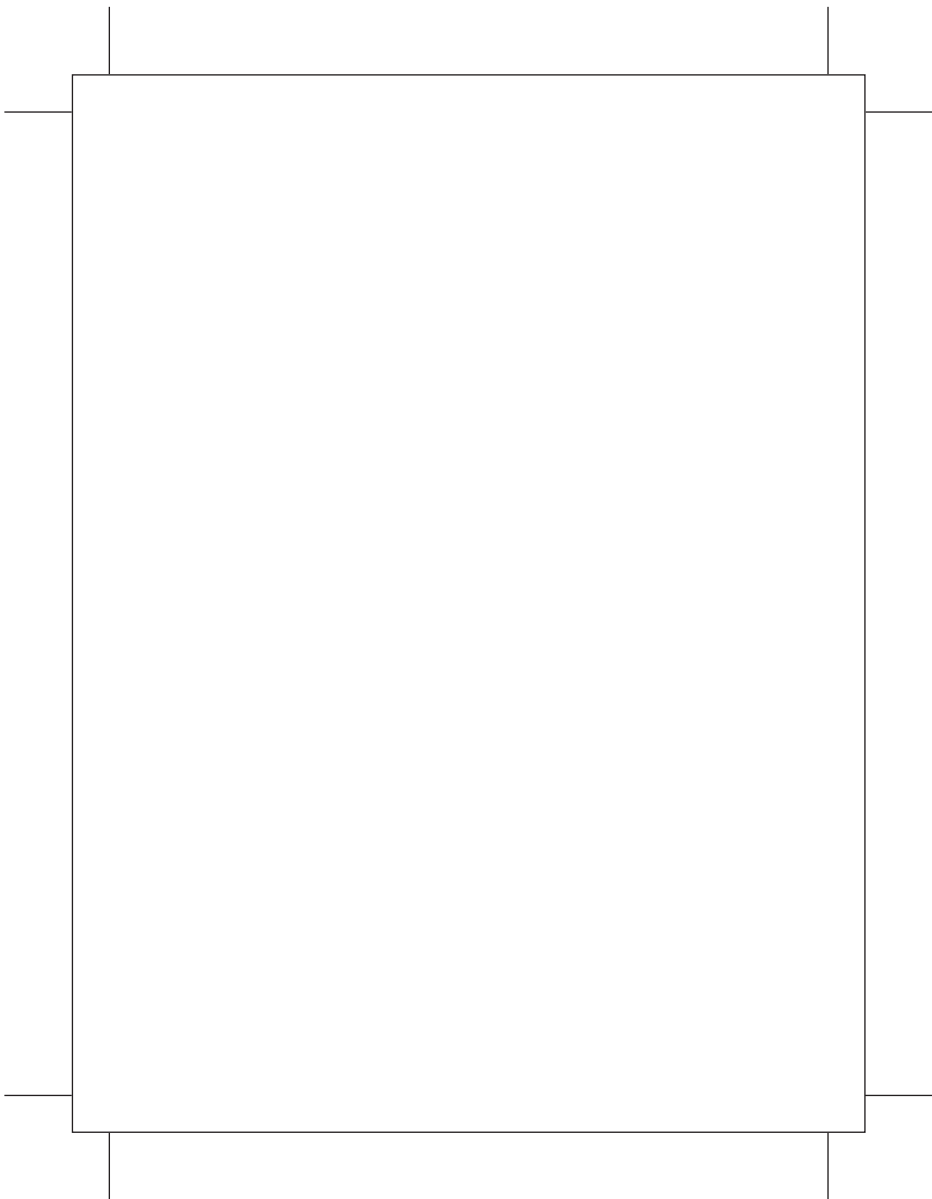


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Why you should read and understand BIBLE!

This booklet is on Why you should read and understand the Bible – GOD’s Word.

The fundamental reason as to why understand the Word of GOD - by **GOD-given revelation** of the Word to our heart - is explained in [Isaiah 55:8-11]:

< “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it” >

We are also told in [2 Timothy 3:16-17]that: < **All Scripture is inspired by GOD and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of GOD may be adequate, equipped for every good work.** >

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Jesus Christ also declares in *Matthew 4:4* that: < ... **Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of GOD.** >

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The fundamental intent of GOD's Word is to bless those who will hear and respond to it. GOD means to **perform His Word** in you and in your life [*Jeremiah 1:11-12*].

The Bible is a compendium of 66 books, written over a period of some 1500 years (circa 1400 BC to 100 AD). The Bible is divided into two portions called the Old Testament (written *before* Christ) and the New Testament (written *after* Christ).

Centered on the Jewish nation of Israel, descendants of Abraham through his sons Isaac and Jacob, the Scriptures reveal a Gospel message of salvation – revealed through the Testimony of Jesus - to people of **all nations**.

And, this Gospel of salvation is based on the fulfillment of

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the Old Testament Law and the Prophets [*Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 5:17-18*] in the person of Jesus Christ [*John 14:6*].

The **fulfillment** of the Law and the Prophets is proclaimed **into us** through the **actual** communication of the Testimony of Jesus into our heart [*2 Corinthians 3:3; 4:6-7; 1 John 5:10*].

And, this fulfillment is available to people of **all nations** – through a **willingness** to receive the Testimony of Jesus. The result will be a growing manifestation of change in our inward parts and, the reality of an actual relationship with the living GOD!

The structure of the bible

The Bible is divided into two parts – the Old Testament and the New Testament - separated in their writing by some 500 years (circa 400 BC to 100 AD).

The Old Testament is the first two-thirds of the Bible primarily consisting of the Law and the Prophets, with the history of Israel as the backdrop. The Old Testament was

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written and completed some 400 years before Jesus Christ came into the pages of human history. The Old Testament was translated by Jewish scholars from Hebrew into Greek some 200 years before Jesus' time on earth.

This is an important fact because the prophetic pronouncements on Jesus Christ: His identity, His lineage, His mission, specifics related to His birth including His birth through a virgin, His ministry, His death and His resurrection, His being referred to as the Son and the Messiah, were all written in both Hebrew and Greek by Jewish scribes and scholars centuries before His birth!

The New Testament is the last one-third of the Bible. The New Testament records the Gospel (meaning the Good News) of Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Gospel of the Kingdom of GOD [Matthew 4:23-25; Luke 8:1] declaring that GOD will establish His Kingdom on earth as prophesied by the prophet Daniel [Daniel 2:26-49; 7:13-14 – circa 550 BC].

Through the Gospel of the Kingdom of GOD, the yoke of sin and death will be destroyed – ultimately, in cosmic terms [Romans 8:18-22; Revelation 21:1-2; 22:1-3].

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Salvation will unfold a new man in the **image** [Romans 8:29] and **fullness of Jesus Christ** [John 1:16-17]. This is a new man who will function by actual communion with GOD!

In this light of the Gospel of the Kingdom of GOD, the New Testament (in tandem with many, many prophecies in the Old Testament) also predicts the outcome of human history which culminates with the second coming of Jesus Christ on earth [Matthew 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:25-28].

The biblical composite of the Law, the Prophets and, the Gospel of Jesus Christ that proclaims the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, represent **GOD's Testimony** to the human race.

And, GOD's Testimony to mankind is profound and an amazing expression of His goodness and, **His willingness to work His goodness into man** and into creation.

GOD's Testimony to the human race has its **actual fulfillment** in personal, corporate and cosmic terms! The Bible is a book written – in profound detail - for actual

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fulfillment!

The *personal fulfillment* proposed to each one of us – **by the hand of GOD** - is the blessing GOD proposes to us and our families *in eternity*. It is through progressive, personal fulfillment that GOD enables us to see Him, so as to come to know Him and to love Him. Amen!

The essential biblical proposition

GOD - through the Bible - proposes the creation of a new man from our inward parts; consisting of a *new spirit*, a *new heart* and, a *renewed* and *regenerated* soul.

A *new spirit*, a *new heart* and, a *renewed* and *regenerated* soul constitute the *new man*! The blueprint for this new creation is Jesus the Messiah (Jesus Christ).

Jesus the Messiah is the blueprint for a *new* man, through the actual communication of His Testimony *into* the heart of man - by personal revelation *from* GOD [2 Corinthians 3:3, NKJV; 5:17; Ephesians 2:10]. The personal revelation of Jesus Christ is the necessary key to understanding the whole

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Bible in its ***eternal*** and ***abiding*** realities.

And, this is because the revelation of Jesus Christ is the ***exclusive*** spiritual medium for the actual revelation of GOD – by Name, in WHO HE IS and all THAT HE IS (*see John 17:6, 26; 14:6-7; Exodus 3:13-15; 6:2-3*).

This booklet has been written as a short Bible Study (although it can be read without reference to Scripture). Scripture references have been given to facilitate the understanding of the Word of GOD.

It is the actual reading (hearing) and ***understanding*** of the contents of the Word of GOD that communicates **the Witness of GOD** into the heart of man.

Ultimately, the Bible proposes that Scripture be written into the tablets of our heart ***by the Finger of GOD*** [*Exodus 31:18; 32:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:3; Hebrews 8:8-12*]! In this reality, Scripture written (or, revealed) into our hearts will become **GOD's Covenant** with us [*Hebrews 8:10-11*].

The actual communication of Scripture into human hearts is the focus of our audio teaching materials contained on

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our free website.

The Bible is written to bless the human being with a purpose and destiny in the reality of the *eternal* and the *abiding* – in the realm of GOD's dominion, *His Kingdom*.

The Bible proposes the creation of a new man [*Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17*] from the inward parts [*2 Corinthians 4:16-18*] through a many-faceted process of *salvation*.

Through salvation the Bible proposes a new man *equipped* to *function* in the Kingdom of GOD – by a Covenant fashioned *into* the inward parts of this new man [*Jeremiah 31:31-34*].

The Bible proposes – through the creative processes of our salvation - a *new* man able to *live, move and have his being in GOD* [*Acts 17:28*].

Salvation is designed by GOD to *progressively* achieve this reality of a state of being *operating in GOD*. This progression is *personally verifiable* from our inward parts through a GOD-given and GOD-developed Witness [*1 John 5:10a; Revelation 3:14b*].

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The Bible (or, the Scriptures) is the Word of GOD because **GOD's Voice** is heard throughout its pages. The Bible communicates the **Testament** and **Witness** of GOD.

The fundamental reason for reading and meditating the Scriptures is ***to receive*** what GOD is saying - in our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart.

What GOD says in Scripture, He will ***perform*** [*Jeremiah 1:11-12; Exodus 31:18; 32:16; 2 Corinthians 3:3*].

By receiving what GOD is saying, GOD performs His Word in a manner such that we can enter into the eternal and abiding purposes of GOD – ***specific*** to our life.

By believing – in GOD through His Word - we ***receive*** GOD, and His Word that makes Him known to us. Through His Word revealed to our hearts, GOD will make Covenant with us personally [*Jeremiah 31:33-34*].

If we receive GOD's Word – by faith [*Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17*] - ***in our own free will***, GOD in Scripture declares that He will perform His Word in us and through us [*Jeremiah 1:11-12*].

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And what we hear in the Word – with ***understanding*** and, by ***acceptance*** [Matthew 13:23, 3-8, 18-23; Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15] – will be performed in us and through us, **as the evidence of GOD** and His willingness to change us and develop us for His purposes.

The Word understood and accepted will demonstrate to us His willingness to develop Covenant relationship with us through the revealed realities of His Word in our hearts [Hebrews 8:10-11]. The intent is to make us each ministers of **His** Covenant [2 Corinthians 3:6, 3-6].

The pre-requisite of faith

There is however, a pre-requisite to GOD performing His Word. *Hebrews 11:6* declares: < **And without faith it is impossible to please Him (GOD), for he who comes to GOD must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.** >

What GOD says in His Word, is the basis of His every reward.

What GOD says in His Word, entirely derives from **WHO**

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He is and from **all THAT He is**. Through His Word, GOD reveals Himself and His desires to us - personally.

The Words of Scripture are designed to come into being in us, and through us, by revelation from GOD [Isaiah 55:8-9; Deuteronomy 29:29].

GOD expounds His Word into us ***by revelation*** [Deuteronomy 29:29; Mark 4:22]. By revelation GOD explains to us all that derives from the realities of who He is and all that He is.

Being GOD the Creator, Owner and Possessor of the universe, GOD demands ***our willingness*** to believe that He is, in Hebrews 11:6.

Believing that He is, is the ***pre-requisite*** before GOD will reward us with a **GOD-given understanding of His Word** [Isaiah 55:8-11; Deuteronomy 29:29].

The Scriptures declare that every man has been given **a measure of faith** [Romans 12:3] which a man can exercise ***in his own free will***.

Man – no matter how intelligent - has no capacity for absolute thought. Our entire thinking and functioning is

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premised (or, is based) on what we **choose** to believe.
Man **has to believe** in order to do anything or, to pursue anything in thought, word and deed.

Faith is exercised by choice

Faith is exercised as a **choice** we all make in every area of life – every day. Having no capacity of absolute thought, we **all choose to believe** based on what we perceive – right or wrong. And, we live by the consequences of our belief system.

The decisions we make every day are purely a reflection of what we choose to **believe** in, and what we **believe** will fashion our every outcome. And, all this is a matter of **choice**.

All of our reasoning is an **outcome** of what we have **chosen** to **believe**. Hence there are inherent assumptions in everything man understands.

The sum total of all that we see in ourselves and around us is the consequence of a composite faith expression – through generations. The tragedy of man is that we have

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developed a belief system that is **devoid of the true knowledge of the living GOD.**

[The Bible tells us that when the first man Adam fell into sin through freewill disobedience, the consequence was Adam being cut off from the capacity of actual communion with GOD. That is, sin manifested a barrier between GOD and man (Isaiah 59:2). GOD had the intent of teaching and developing Adam and his progeny through communion with Him. Disobedience broke the communion and manifested in us a self-denominated thought form – the result of which is seen in all of the affairs of man.]

Man was created a **dependent** being. We can understand this from the fact that we have no capacity – in ourselves – to ensure the **ultimate** outcome of all of our decisions. By ultimate, we mean in the sense of the eternal and the abiding.

For example, we have no capacity to ensure the continuity of our life – we can die at anytime! Similarly, we have no capacity to prevent ourselves from aging or getting sick and diseased. We have no capacity to prevent disaster from impacting the lives of those whom we love dearly.

We find then that we are subject to a universe of reality that impacts us in both natural and spiritual terms. By

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observance of the world around us we see that the results of man's collective belief systems are traumatic - poverty, injustice, corruption, lust, dishonesty, war, hatred, crime, evil, death and destruction.

This is the evidence of the absence of GOD in man's thoughts and actions.

The Bible proclaims this by declaring that GOD is good, righteous and holy.

In a world in chaos, we see the presence of evil and the destructive consequences of evil everyday – all over the world. History testifies of this chaos.

The Bible declares that the source of this chaos is within the state of being of all of us. The chaos of evil is a spiritual reality resident within all of us [Romans 7:19-20]. **This chaos of evil the Bible calls sin.**

The root of this evil of sin, is our self-denominated belief system.

The Bible declares that our faith has evidence. By examining the evidence of our personal life we can

ascertain that something is wrong.

Evil is spiritual and is an actuality that has come into being - in us and amongst us, based on collective human choice – by the exercise of a *faith form* that: (i) Objectively, *excludes* all that comes from GOD; and (ii) Objectively, *misrepresents* the actuality of GOD (by false religion and philosophies).

The result is that we are in a spiritual state of *sin* towards GOD – and our fellow man.

Our knowledge forms objectively *assume* that GOD is irrelevant to human thought, deed and enterprise! We function in conscious, subconscious and unconscious terms in this *assumption!*

In spite of the obvious intelligent design of everything in the natural universe, man insists that chaos from a big bang *evolved into form and design* – all by itself!

The self-evident, complex engineering of the human being – far more complex than anything man himself has the capacity to even begin to engineer - is *dismissed* by an *assumption* of evolution. Evolution – which is a

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postulated process - is given the actual capacity to design and to engineer!

The fact is that man himself has ***no*** capacity (and has ***no*** knowledge) ***to engineer life*** and the complex of systems necessary to ensure the continuity of life.

[Compare the affairs and systems of man with the natural order of the created universe and you will understand this.]

Artificial intelligence, no matter how sophisticated the math, is nonetheless ***entirely artificial!*** It is not living. It has ***no*** expression of ***life***. Robots that move and operate are nonetheless entirely lifeless!

Spiritually speaking, evolution is simply a theory designed to explain GOD away!

Can any man ***make*** a seed and know how to invest that seed with the technology of life?

Can any man create the support systems for this life form in the seed that grows, develops and reproduces?

In fact ***the technology of life*** is entirely unknown to the

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knowledge forms of man! All of our knowledge forms are actually entirely devoid of life.

The fact is that GOD alone has the technology of life.

It is life devoid of evil; life with the potential of growth in purpose and destiny in the abiding and the eternal, that is the heart of the biblical proposition.

GOD is eternal and abiding

The fact is, GOD is, and He will always be. The future is entirely in His hands.

We can trust GOD because the Bible declares that GOD is good *[Mark 10:18]* and in Him there is no darkness *[1 John 1:5]*.

We can trust GOD because He has delivered us from the domain of sin and death - by manifesting actual victory over sin and death - by the Testimony of JESUS *[Romans 5:8-10, 6]*.

We can trust GOD because He has unveiled a plan of actual salvation in the pages of Scripture – available to

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every human being through a willingness to choose to believe.

The Bible unveils a personal plan of salvation that is **entirely premised** on the goodness, the faithfulness, and **the power**, of GOD.

The goodness and faithfulness of GOD is evident in His willingness to work His solutions for our lives in meticulous detail, within us - personally. It is in the progressive evidence of this process of change through salvation that we have the evidence of Scripture. Scripture will prove itself in outcomes ***in our lives*** that are ***of*** the power and love of GOD.

The fundamental purpose of Scripture is to ensure a ***true faith form*** in the **true** GOD.

The fundamental purpose of Scripture is to manifest the evidence of GOD to the human heart.

Some would argue that faith is illogical or is unacceptable as the basis of understanding reality. That's an absolute falsehood.

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For example: the entire global financial system operates in the composite reality of human faith. This is why governments and international bodies are so concerned with market sentiment and perception; because, mere perceptions and sentiments can impact economic outcomes.

The dollar in our pocket has no inherent value in itself except for the collective faith that we have in it. Similarly markets operate on the collective perception of human beings based entirely on what they choose to believe and desire.

[However, false perceptions are unsustainable! The longer false perceptions are sustained the more painful is the inevitable correction. Hence false belief systems have their inevitable painful and destructive consequences. No one is exempt from the folly of falsehood.]

Faith is therefore, eminently logical and *necessary* for the *every* function of man. Faith is in effect a spiritual reality that forms the basic fabric of human thought and activity.

Our every undertaking in life is governed by our belief system. Our personal life, arising from expressions of our nature and character, bears evidence to our belief system.

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Hence, what we choose to believe in, is the ultimate basis of our life form and its continuity. Belief is a spiritual reality.

Based on the fundamental fabric of belief that governs human activity in thought, word and deed, the Bible proclaims that the spiritual governs the natural.

Similarly, greed and dishonesty is spiritual; and, greed and dishonesty are one of the primary reasons for the global financial meltdown that we are facing in 2009.

The sin that governs human nature and thus governs the entire spectrum of human activity is *entirely* spiritual. Our every problem – in fact our every reality - originates from our sinful nature and is actually governed by a spiritual fabric - *in sin* - that operates in our thoughts, words and deeds.

And, there are painful and destructive consequences to sin.

Overconsumption, pollution, poverty, injustice, immorality, corruption, substance abuse etc. all have spiritual roots in the fabric of sin arising from the absence of the true GOD in our thinking and in our lives.

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We must choose a future devoid of sin

The Bible declares and proposes a spirituality – devoid of sin - that fully derives from GOD! GOD is Spirit. And, all that derives from GOD is necessarily spiritual. This is a spirituality based on the character and nature of GOD and the dictates of His will that we have to subject ourselves to - in ***our own free will***.

To one who turns to the living GOD, Scripture declares: **< For it is GOD who is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure. >** [*Philippians 2:13*]

We can either subject ourselves to sin and its destructive realities or, we can subject ourselves to GOD and His promise of life eternal - by salvation - that involves the creation of a new man from our inward parts [*Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17*].

Salvation is designed to give expression to a ***new*** man able and willing to obey GOD. A man after GOD's own heart who will willingly do all of GOD's will because he

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wants to.

The Bible declares that GOD is Sovereign. Hence GOD's will alone will ultimately prevail. GOD's will, will alone prevail in the abiding and the continual, simply because He is GOD; and, it is His will that will remain as the basis of the eternal.

The Bible manifests its every dictate on the basis that GOD is, and that He is **Sovereign**.

But the Bible also insists on our **free will response** to all that GOD desires to unfold. The Bible declares that GOD is love. GOD in His love created us to actualize our every reality from GOD as we are taught by GOD.

In our fall into sin, through disobedience to GOD, GOD is in His love for us, proposing a salvation that will break the yoke of sin and death and give us a future in the eternal and the abiding that stands in and by GOD - **by the dictates of His Word** – engineered into our hearts and mind [Hebrews 10:16-17] in a transformed nature and character [Ezekiel 36:27, 25-27].

Such a realm of reality – which is the actual expression of

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life in the eternal and the abiding - is entirely beyond the technologies of man.

It is the willingness to understand the dictates of GOD's Word that will reveal His love and goodness into us. The results will be spiritually appraised and the evidence will be self evident in personal and intimate terms made alive in our inward parts.

GOD enabled and GOD empowered change is the fundamental evidence of the hand of GOD in our life.

The fact is that we all [in personal, corporate, and national terms] have no authority and power to dictate the ultimate outcomes of our own life. Only GOD decides!

It makes sense for us to choose to hear and understand GOD's Word so as to receive GOD's counsel and direction for our life. When we respond to GOD, He responds through GOD enabled and GOD empowered change.

The fact is that GOD is the Owner and Possessor of creation – the MOST HIGH GOD. The flow of Scripture dictates that GOD will have His final say on all things as the Owner and Possessor of His creation.

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We must understand that man will be accountable for his every action in thought, word and, deed [Matthew 12:33-37]. The fact is that the evil that we see around us, and hear and see through the media, and daily human experience, will not be allowed to continue.

There has to be a future without evil and its consequences of pain and suffering, death and destruction. This is the ultimate biblical proposition – a new heaven and a new earth [Revelation 21:1].

A new heaven is declared because rebellion began in heaven through Lucifer (called the serpent and the dragon – the devil, satan) [Revelation 12:9] and one-third of the angels of GOD.

A new earth is proclaimed because the earth received the testimony of Lucifer and rebelled against GOD. Both the serpent and the dragon are visual expressions in man's spirituality.

[The cross of Jesus Christ – its meaning and its testimony - stands in stark contrast to the evil and destructive nature and character of both the serpent and the dragon.]

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It is in the reality of Sovereign Dominion – to be manifested in His peace and rest - that GOD **demands** that he who comes to Him **must** first believe that He is! And, that He will give expression to His goodness ***by rewarding our faith in Him!*** [Hebrews 11:6]

A ***true*** faith in GOD is the fundamental basis for the transmission of truth from GOD into us! Faith – true or false - is also the fundamental basis in which man will be judged by GOD. Faith in the living GOD is the fundamental basis for actualizing the truth – ***from*** Him - that will ***make us*** free from sin and death. [John 14:6; 16:13-14; Romans 8:2]

Scripture declares in uncompromising terms, that the wages of sin is death [Romans 6:23]. GOD also declares in the pages of Scripture that He will judge and destroy all that stands in enmity against Himself [Matthew 25:31-46; Revelation 20:11-15; Isaiah 66:24, 22-24].

Faith in the Creator GOD is the ***exclusive*** spiritual conduit through which GOD will give us a future through a personal salvation [Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17].

Through a personal salvation GOD will also enable us to

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actualize a personal relationship with Him.

GOD Gives Us A Future In His Name

GOD has a Name. And, He saves us by His Name [*Psalm 54:1; John 17:6,26*].

In *Exodus 3:14 (NASB)*, GOD expresses His Name as: “**I AM WHO I AM**”. In *Exodus 6:3*, GOD declares His Name to be **YHWH** (or, **YHVH**). These consonant expressions of the Name have been variously transliterated as YAHWEH and YEHOUAH.

The Old Testament tells us about GOD.

In the New Testament, the Bible invites the believer to discover the intimacy of WHO GOD is and all that GOD is – personally - from our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart.

The New Testament proposes the creative development [*Ephesians 2:10; 2 Corinthians 5:17*] of a new spirit and a new heart and a renewed and regenerated soul as the framework to actualizing an intimacy with GOD. Our spirit, soul and heart are the spiritual organs of function by which

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personal relationship with GOD is actualized.

[What the New Testament explains, the Old Testament prophetically predicts in the specifics of an intimacy with GOD from our inward parts as noted in *Jeremiah 31:31-34* and *Ezekiel 36:25-27*].

Such an intimacy will unveil, as GOD delivers us, from the specifics of the yoke of sin and death afflicting us each.

Such deliverance from sin is an ***evidential progression*** to the true believer. It is the reality of GOD coming into the human heart with a whole universe of reality that derives from Himself and His abounding goodness! GOD breaks through the barrier of sin and makes us each His dwelling place [*1 Corinthians 3:16*].

GOD reveals himself through the testimony of jesus

The reality of GOD is an ***intimacy*** of function that comes into being within us. This intimacy opens to us through Jesus Christ [*John 1:16-17*] – the WORD of GOD [*John 1:1-3*] become flesh [*John 1:14*] in human form.

[It is through the Word of GOD understood in the Testimony of JESUS “becoming flesh within us” that

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GOD hardwires our spiritual functions. See 2 [Corinthians 3:3-6; 4:6-7; Ephesians 2:10.]

In John 17:6, Jesus Christ (or, Yeshua Mashiah in Hebrew) declares that He has come to manifest the Name of GOD to us [John 17:26]. JESUS Christ is saying that He has come to explain GOD to us – WHO HE IS and all THAT HE IS.

This manifestation of the realities of the Name of GOD, takes place as the substance of the fullness of Jesus Christ is opened to our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart [John 1:16-18, NASB; 2 Corinthians 3:3, NKJV] through faith [Hebrews 11:1, NKJV; 12:2a]. In this reality, Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of our faith [Hebrews 12:2a].

It is the substance of the fullness of Jesus Christ that communicates the personal reality of GOD into us.

Through the manifestation of the Name of GOD [John 17:6, 26], and the inherent realities of GOD, given expression to in our hearts through the substance of Jesus Christ (and His fullness) – as we receive Him as Lord and Savior – that we are healed and delivered from the yokes of sin and death.

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Healing and deliverance are part and parcel of the many spiritual processes through which GOD saves us. Healing and deliverance are the necessary preliminaries for growth and development.

And, all this is **objectively verifiable** in our inward parts and our life and lifestyle.

This is not religious hype. This is GOD manifesting the evidence of Himself and His Word into our being.

GOD saves in WHO HE IS and in ALL THAT HE IS in realities that He brings into **being** within us **through** Jesus Christ and His Testimony.

In saving us, GOD builds us in His will, **predestined** [*as foreseen in His eternal plan*] over our lives from the foundations of the world [*Psalm 139:13-17; Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:5, 3-6*].

Nothing comes into being within us – from GOD, except through the understanding of the Word of GOD through the Testimony of Jesus [*John 14:6*], in all that Jesus the Messiah accomplished by His sacrifice for us.

By sacrifice, Jesus Christ [Christ meaning Messiah]

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established a testimonial framework of life beyond the effects of sin and death. Principally His Nature and Character – meant for a new man - was tested on the cross and vindicated through His resurrection.

He overcame the sin expressed against Him and, the death that He was subjected to by being raised from the dead by GOD.

In this reality of His resurrection, the yoke of sin and death were testimonially overcome.

The Testimony of Jesus – that is the spiritual expression of the fullness of Jesus Christ - can be actually transmitted into the fabrics of our inner being through the specifics of our faith in Him.

The fullness of Jesus Christ manifests – *by substance* communicated - a new man into our being. The process that communicates this fullness of Jesus Christ is called salvation. This process of salvation opens and develops in us *by our willing faith* in GOD. Salvation gives personal expression to the love of GOD – *by substance* communicated.

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Our faith – that actualizes the fullness of Jesus Christ by substance communicated - will be developed in us by Jesus Christ Himself. This is why Scripture declares Jesus Christ as the Author and Finisher of our faith [Hebrews 12:2].

Our faith in Him will have an **objective testimonial reality** of ***actual change and transformation*** in our inward parts and our life and lifestyle!

We will progressively emerge in growing expressions of the **image** [Romans 8:29] and **fullness** [John 1:16-17] **of** Jesus Christ.

It is my prayer that you will read the Bible to discover the living GOD through the pages of Scripture, as He explains Himself to you through the Testimony of Jesus.

Faith in Jesus Christ will have a progressive testimonial of a newness of life in us.

The Testimony of JESUS (Yeshua in Hebrew) is **the** Spirit of Prophecy [Revelation 19:10c]!

The Testimony of Jesus **enables us** to progressively partake of GOD's plans and purposes in growing

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fulfillment – in eternity opened in our hearts **today!** Amen!

However, for all this to open to us we must be **born again** in order to personally actualize the true and faithful Witness of GOD in our heart

What does it mean to be born again?

GOD describes being born again in the following words:

• **I will cleanse you from all the filthiness of your sin. And, I will give you a new spirit and a new heart.** [Ezekiel 36:25-26] [We are born again when GOD actually gives us a new spirit and a new heart.]

• **And with a new spirit and a new heart within you, I will remove your heart of stone and, I will put My Spirit within you and, I will cause you to walk in My ways.** [Ezekiel 36:26-27]

The reality of being born again as described above is the sovereign work of GOD in our inward man. It is not the work of man, but of GOD alone. The evidence of being born again cannot be replicated by self-denominated religious practice. The actuality of being born again is a

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life changing encounter with the living GOD.

How can we be born again?

The Bible, the Word of GOD explains:

- **For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish** (from the disease of sin) **but have eternal life.** [*John 3:16*]
[Man perishes because of the disease of sin. Sin is the spiritual basis for the growing manifestation of human chaos.]

- **For while we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. GOD demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** [*Romans 5:6-8*]

- **If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that GOD raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For whoever believes in Jesus Christ will not be disappointed.** [*Romans 10:9-11*]

- **The one who believes in the Son of GOD has the witness in himself ...** [*1 John 5:10*]

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The following prayer to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior will facilitate your entry into the Kingdom of GOD, through the witness of the new birth. Please pray this aloud with sincerity from your heart.

The Prayer For Salvation

“Almighty GOD, I know that You are speaking to me. In your mercy You have enabled me to know that You are speaking to me.

I am thankful that this is your moment in my life.

Father of Creation, open my heart to the reality of Jesus Christ, so that I can receive Him in true conviction by your grace.

Father GOD, I know that I need You in my life. I know that I need your salvation.

Father GOD, I know that I am bound by sin. I know that only You can give me the assurance of eternal life in my heart.

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Father GOD, I have heard your Word. I know that the Lord Jesus Christ is my salvation. Open my heart - now - dear GOD, to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

And, please open my heart in a witness to You in Jesus' Name.

I acknowledge O GOD my Father that I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed – in the wrong that I have done and in the right that I have failed to do.

I understand that the Lord Jesus gave Himself for me on the cross. I understand that Jesus Christ paid the price for my sins. With my heart, I receive Jesus' prayer to You on my behalf: **'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.'** [Luke 23:34]

Father, forgive me for my sins.

Father GOD, I commit to pursuing the changes necessary in my nature, character and lifestyle through the power that You supply to me through Jesus Christ.

Father GOD, in the reality of Jesus Christ's love and

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forgiveness, I receive the Lord Jesus as my Lord and Savior, so that I can belong to You in His merits. Father, enable me to receive your salvation by planting into my heart the witness of the seed of Christ.

Father, I also ask for a new heart and a new spirit, so that I can see your Kingdom and enter into it as your Spirit gives meaning to your Word in my heart – in the Name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen!

Welcome to the Kingdom of GOD!

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In Yeshua Mashiah (Jesus the Messiah),

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